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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term at The Exwick Ark. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer. A special welcome to Rebecca, Ruby, Leo, Wilf, Kaiden, Kieran, Summer, Ausma, Millie and their families who are joining us this term. We hope you quickly feel at home with us!

### **Topic**

Our topic this half term is people who help us, always one of our favourites! The children have already given us lots of ideas for things they would like to do but if you have any ideas that you think would particularly interest your child please let us know. We have lots of exciting visits and visitors planned as you can see from the back of this letter. If you are able to join us for any of our visits it would be really appreciated. If your child does not normally attend on the day of the trip or visitor we are usually happy for them to join in as long as they bring an adult with them.

### **Staff and Volunteers**

We would like to give our congratulations to Leanne who completed her level 4 childcare qualification last term and also to Katie who completed her level 3 qualification. Jannine and Kim also completed level 3 qualifications in play work to add to their existing level 3 awards. All of them have worked really hard and we are very proud of their achievements.

We would like to welcome Charline Tanchoux, a kindergarten teacher from our partner teacher training college in Germany. Charline will be joining us for a 12 month placement and we are looking forward to learning and sharing experiences with her during this time.

We also have some new volunteers; Simona, Louise and Wioletta who will be completing childcare qualifications with us during the next 12 months. We hope you and your children quickly get to know them!

### **2gether funding**

The government have recently extended their pilot funding for 2 year olds in deprived areas. This funding means that parents of 2 year olds who are entitled to benefits are eligible for 15 hours free early years education for their children. If you think you or somebody you know may be entitled to this funding please come and speak to Harri who can give you further details.

### **Parent forum**

Our parent forum do a great job giving us feedback on the service we provide and also planning social events for the pre-school. We enjoyed a great BBQ at the end of last term and had "get togethers" planned for us over the summer holiday. If you would like to join the parent forum please speak to one of the staff or a parent forum member whose details are on the board in the parent area. Our next meeting is planned for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 9.30am. If your child is not normally booked in for a Friday morning they are welcome to stay for free during the Parent Forum meeting.

We look forward to working with you and your child this term.

Yours truly,

The Staff of The Exwick Ark.










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Week beginning.	Theme	Letter, number and colour.	Notes.
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	 Teachers	Red, 1, C,K,E	Welcome back!
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	 Dr's and nurses	Yellow, 2, E, H	A visit to Exwick health centre on Friday morning.
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	 Police	Orange, 3, H,M	Visit from our community police officer Mark Arthurs. (Day to be confirmed)
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	 Farmers	Pink, 4, M,R	Trip to West Town Farm Ide. Details to follow.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.	 Dustmen	Green, 5, R,D	Visit to Exeter City Council recycling centre to see how our rubbish is sorted on Tuesday pm.
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	 Fire fighters	Blue, 6, D,CK	Visit from Fire fighters on Thursday morning and trip to fire station on Friday afternoon.
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	 Lolly pop people	Purple, 7, ckehmr d	Visit from lolly pop lady. (Day to be confirmed)

**2011/2012 Term dates: EYEF covers term dates only and not Holiday Club.**

Autumn Term (1 <sup>st</sup> Half)	5 <sup>th</sup> September- 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Holiday Club-	24 <sup>th</sup> October- 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn term (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half)	31 <sup>st</sup> October – 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Holiday Club	19 <sup>th</sup> December – 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Spring 2012 (1 <sup>st</sup> Half)	3 <sup>rd</sup> January – 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Holiday Club	13 <sup>th</sup> February – 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring 2012 (2nd Half)	20 <sup>th</sup> February – 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Holiday Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> April-5 <sup>th</sup> April (6 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday=Bank Holiday)
Closed	9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer 2012 (1 <sup>st</sup> Half)	16 <sup>th</sup> April – 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Holiday Club	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer 2012 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half)	11 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Holiday Club	18 <sup>th</sup> July – 31 <sup>st</sup> August